

# L17 Coupled oscillator with many degrees of freedom.

generalized coordinates  $\vec{q} = (q_1, q_2, \dots, q_n)$

Conservative system:  $U(q_1, \dots, q_n) = U(\vec{q})$  - potential energy.

Kinetic energy:  $T = \sum_{\alpha} \frac{1}{2} m_{\alpha} \dot{\vec{r}}_{\alpha}^2$  where

$\vec{r}_{\alpha} = \vec{r}_{\alpha}(q_1, \dots, q_n)$  - does not explicitly depend on time.  $\rightarrow \dot{\vec{r}}_{\alpha}^2 = \sum_i \frac{\partial \vec{r}_{\alpha}}{\partial q_i} \dot{q}_i + \sum_j \frac{\partial \vec{r}_{\alpha}}{\partial \dot{q}_j} \dot{q}_j =$

$$T = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\alpha} m_{\alpha} \dot{\vec{r}}_{\alpha}^2 = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i,j} A_{ij}(\vec{q}) \dot{q}_i \dot{q}_j$$

$$M_{ij} = A_{ij}(0); \quad A_{ij}(\vec{q}) = \sum_{\alpha} m_{\alpha} \frac{\partial \vec{r}_{\alpha}}{\partial q_i} \cdot \frac{\partial \vec{r}_{\alpha}}{\partial q_j} \quad \text{- only function of } \vec{q}$$

$\vec{q} = 0$  - the equilibrium point. (just select so)

$$U(\vec{q}) = U(0) + \sum_j \frac{\partial U}{\partial q_j} q_j + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i,j} \frac{\partial^2 U}{\partial q_i \partial q_j} q_i q_j + \dots$$

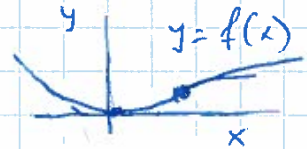
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$$U(\vec{q}) \approx \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i,j} \frac{\partial^2 U}{\partial q_i \partial q_j} q_i q_j = \frac{1}{2} \sum K_{ij} q_i q_j$$

Example 11.1

$$U = mg f(x) \quad U = mg f(x)$$

$$U = mg f(0) + mg f'(0) x + mg \frac{1}{2} f''(0) x^2$$



$$\dot{T} = \frac{1}{2} m (\dot{x}^2 + \dot{y}^2) = \frac{1}{2} m \dot{x}^2 (1 + f'(x)^2) \approx \frac{1}{2} m \dot{x}^2 \quad \dot{y} = f'(x) \dot{x}$$

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{2} m \dot{x}^2 - mg \frac{1}{2} f''(0) x^2 \Rightarrow m \ddot{x} = -mg f''(0) x$$

$$\omega^2 = g f''(0)$$

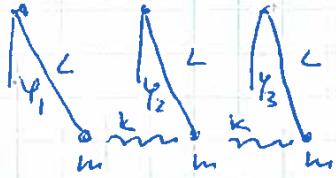
- General equation of motion:  $\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i,j} M_{ij} \dot{q}_i \dot{q}_j - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i,j} K_{ij} q_i q_j$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \dot{q}_i} = \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial q_i} \rightarrow \frac{d}{dt} \frac{1}{2} \sum_j M_{ij} \dot{q}_j = \frac{1}{2} \sum_j M_{ij} \ddot{q}_j = -\frac{1}{2} \sum_j K_{ij} q_j$$

$$M \ddot{q} = -K q \quad \left( K - \omega^2 M \right) a = 0 \quad \leftarrow \begin{array}{l} q = \text{Re } z(t) \\ z(t) = a e^{i\omega t} \end{array}$$

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# Tripple coupled Pendulum.



$$T = \frac{1}{2} m (\dot{\varphi}_1^2 + \dot{\varphi}_2^2 + \dot{\varphi}_3^2) = \frac{1}{2} m L^2 (\dot{\varphi}_1^2 + \dot{\varphi}_2^2 + \dot{\varphi}_3^2)$$

$$U_g = \frac{1}{2} m g L (\varphi_1^2 + \varphi_2^2 + \varphi_3^2)$$

$$\text{use } (1 - \cos \varphi) \approx \varphi^2/2$$

$$U_k = \frac{1}{2} k L^2 (\sin \varphi_2 - \sin \varphi_1)^2 + \frac{1}{2} k L^2 (\sin \varphi_3 - \sin \varphi_2)^2 \quad \text{use } \sin \varphi \approx \varphi$$

$$U_k = \frac{1}{2} k L^2 (\varphi_2 - \varphi_1)^2 + (\varphi_3 - \varphi_2)^2$$

natural units: lets assume that mass is measured in units of m  $m \rightarrow 1$ , same for L

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{2} (\dot{\varphi}_1^2 + \dot{\varphi}_2^2 + \dot{\varphi}_3^2) - \frac{1}{2} g (\varphi_1^2 + \varphi_2^2 + \varphi_3^2) - \frac{1}{2} k [(\varphi_2 - \varphi_1)^2 + (\varphi_3 - \varphi_2)^2]$$

$$M \ddot{\varphi} = -K \varphi$$

$$M = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix} \quad K = \begin{pmatrix} g+k & -k & 0 \\ -k & g+2k & -k \\ 0 & -k & g+k \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\det (K - \omega^2 M) = (g - \omega^2)(g+k - \omega^2)(g+3k - \omega^2)$$

$$\omega_1^2 = g \quad \omega_2^2 = g+k \quad \omega_3^2 = g+3k$$

How to restore normal units?

$g/\omega_1^2 = m \cdot \text{length}$   
which is measured in units L

$$g/\omega_1^2 = L \quad \omega_1 = \sqrt{g/L}$$

$\omega^2 = k \rightarrow k/\omega^2 = \text{mass}$  which is measured in m

$$\omega_2 = \sqrt{\frac{g}{L} + \frac{k}{m}} \quad \omega_3 = \sqrt{\frac{g}{L} + \frac{3k}{m}}$$

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